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CALGARY, ALBERTA.

This pamphlet purports to be a business directory of Calgary and its vicinity. Calgary is now the most important centre in the District of Alberta, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and crossed by the great trail which connects Macleod, Fort Benton, and the towns of the Northern Pacific with Edmonton and the north country, it enjoys unrivalled facilities as a distributing centre, and as such has been selected by the wealthiest businessmen of the country as the point where business enterprise meets and will continue to meet with its best return. I have said will continue to meet, and I say it in the full conviction, which is shared by all who have had any occasion to visit this town, that the future of Calgary is more promising than that of any town in Manitoba or the Territories outside of Winnipeg. Its position in the centre of the greatest stock district in the Dominion; its situation in the heart of the richest agricultural country yet discovered in these Territories; its vicinity to the petroleum wells of the Red Deer, pronounced by experts to rival those of Pennsylvania; its immense coal beds, and the rich mineral deposits of the Rocky Mountains assure it a future that must necessarily be unrivalled in the Northwest. Added to this its natural advantages as a residential centre as well as a business centre cannot be over-estimated. Within sight of the mountains and at the mouth of the famous Bow River Pass, washed on either side by the rushing waters of the Bow and the Elbow, and midway of their rich valley, with the foothills rising and sweeping to the mountains on every side, it promises, by its beauty of site alone, to be chosen whenever practicable as a home for the future population of the district.

The climate, tempered by the warm winds from British Columbia and the Pacific Ocean, which is little more than 600 miles distant, has already been noted by tourists and strangers as among the most salubrious and delightful in the world. And this is no little attraction to the thousands who have found the long, cold winters of Manitoba and eastern Canada an unbearable burden. The chinooks, which come from the Californian sea coast and sweep north and east through the mountain passes, have the happy effect of rendering the winters mild and the summers cool, being of a uniform temperature throughout the year.

These are some of the advantages which are making Calgary the centre point of attraction for immigration this year.

Already there is a scheme on foot to establish oil refineries on the banks of the Bow. A tannery is to be established by a local dealer next summer, a woolen factory will not be long to follow, and it requires no stretch of imagination to picture the future Calgary as the manufacturing emporium of the far west, possessing as it does splendid water power and an unlimited supply of coal.

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All the reports of the immigration agents show that the influx of settlers to Calgary this spring bids fair to be ahead of anything of the kind which has yet occurred in the country.

With these few facts before us, who shall doubt the position which the town of Calgary will occupy in the future? Certainly not the author of this pamphlet, who, in offering it herewith to the public, is proud to think that it is the forerunner of the directories of the business centre of this district now, and for the North West Territories in the future.

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CALGARY.

The tourist feels a pleasurable emotion when approaching the valley of the Bow. The weary monotony of the level plain is left behind, and snow-capped peaks and verdant foothills appear in the distance.

The train crosses the historical Bow River and immediately rolls into a basin walled on either side by precipitous banks. It is an incomparable site for a town, perfect from the hands of the Creator. All who see this lovely spot soon come under the influence of its fascinating beauty. It would appear as if nature's favours, begrudged to other parts, had been prodigally showered on this spot.

The basin is surrounded, or appears to be, by two rushing, tumbling rivers of purest, sparkling mountain water—the "Bow" and the "Elbow"—which find their confluence in the middle of the present town of Calgary. Beyond we have the foothills and, to complete the picture, the God-given, majestic, ever-beautiful Rocky Mountains.

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The C.P.R. line reached Calgary in August, 1883. Before that time the place was occupied by the N.W.M.P. and a few fur traders. But on the near approach of the railway line a new order of things was inaugurated. Enterprising businessmen, settlers, professional men, and hotel keepers, accompanied by whiskey traders, gamblers and the other enterprising spirits, who make up the population of frontier towns, reached here. Everyone looking for the almighty dollar. A canvas town sprung up as if by magic. The Sabbath was practically ignored and the vocations of the traders, merchants, and sporting characters were pursued without any regard to the holy day. As winter approached more permanent and substantial buildings were erected, order was enforced, and regard for the Sabbath began to be shown. Since that time up to the present there has been a steady increase in the population and the number of buildings.

Businessmen of sound judgment and good business reputation, seeing the advantages of the place as a mercantile centre have settled here. Large and complete stocks in every line, both wholesale and retail, are held. Competition is keen, and the prices of all kinds of goods is surprisingly cheap. In view of the anticipated large immigration this season goods have been ordered with particular care to supply the numerous wants of the settler, rancher, and prospector.

Calgary is fortunate in having escaped the unhealthy and depressing consequences of a boom. Little, if any land has been bought on speculation. The parties who have purchased have built residences or places of business on their property. The outlook for trade this season is very encouraging, business is reported good for the past season, and the anticipations for a large increase for the coming season are sure to be realized, not only in view of the money that will be spent by the new comers, but also of that of the settlers and stockowners who have prospered and incurred but few and unimportant losses in stock during the past winter.

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What then is to be expected from so fair a beginning for this town, with its location as a business centre, with its natural advantages and prodigal supply of gorgeous scenery, with its healthful situation. It cannot fail to be a large, a great, a beautiful city—the Queen City of the far west.

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Poultry, 75c to \$1.25 each.
Flour, \$2.50 to \$3 per sack.
Bacon, 14c to 16c per lb.; spiced, 20c per lb.
Ham, 20c per lb.
Tea, 30c to 75c per lb.
Coffee, 35c per lb.
Rice, 7c per lb.
Currants, 12½c per lb.
Raisins, 15c to 25c per lb.
Californian fruits, 50c per can.
Ontario fruits, 30c per can.
Beans, 7c per lb.
Cheese, 18c to 20c per lb.
Butter, 35c to 50c per lb.
Lard, 18c to 20c per lb.
Eggs, 40c to 75c per doz.
Oatmeal, 5c per lb.
Syrup, \$4 to \$4.50 per keg.
Potatoes, 1½c to 2½c per lb.
Oats, 1½c to 2c per lb.
Beef, 10c to 18c per lb.
Mutton, 13c to 16c per lb.
Pork, 10c to 12c per lb.
Turkeys, 22c per lb.
Geese, 18c per lb.
Sausage, 20c per lb.

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Calgary, F. E. Harrison, postmaster.	Red Deer, Leo. Gaetz, postmaster.
Bannerman, assistant postmaster	Edmonton, A. D. Osborne, postmaster.
Mildnapore (Fish Creek), S. W. Shaw, p.m.	St. Albert, Rev. Pere Le Duc, postmaster.
Okotoks (Sheep Creek), J. McMillan, p.m.	Saskatchewan, W. Chamberlayne, p.m.
High River, J. Bunce, postmaster.	Gleichen, C. P. R., W. D. Creighton, p.m.
Macleod, Duncan J. Campbell, postmaster.	Canmore, W. Jenkins, postmaster.
New Oxley, J. Craig, postmaster.	Silver City, L. Lepage, postmaster.
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And yet the district can only be said to have been heard of within the past few years. Before the advent of the North West Mounted Police to the country in 1874, Alberta was the haunt of some of the finest and most daring of the Indian tribes of America. The buffalo afforded them sustenance, and they were independent and warlike. At the time of the arrival of the police the Indians were a cause of ceaseless

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Calgary, Alberta, North West Territories, March 1885.

dread to the police and the traders

Now all is different. By successive steps the land has been changed from a fertile waste to a fertile granary. In 1877 Col. Macleod and Lieut.-Governor Laird arranged a treaty with the powerful Blackfoot Nation. In 1878 the buffalo became so scarce that the Indians were driven to the whites for food. In 1879 the buffalo finally disappeared from the district. In 1881 the Cochrane Ranch, the forerunner of the many ranches now in the district, was established 20 miles west of Calgary. In 1882 settlers began to come in. In 1883 the Canadian Pacific Railway cleft the heart of the district, and rushing through the sunlit land, pierced the barrier of the mountains that barred its way to the Pacific.

These are the successive steps in the history of civilization in Alberta. Given over to Nature and her savages from the time of Noah to the time of Governor Laird, it has lately become the seat of the wealth, the industry, and the learning of the territories, and it represents in its future and in its prospects, the future and the prospects of the Northwest.

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RED DEER DISTRICT—ASPECT OF THE COUNTRY.

The country may be described in general terms as rolling prairie, dotted over with bluffs of spruce and poplar, interspersed with lakes and meadows, and intersected with numerous small creeks, giving the whole a particularly park-like appearance which, in point of natural scenery, is beyond the possibility of exaggeration. I have seen the most beautiful spots of five of the eastern Provinces, and in several of the States across our southern border, but I have never seen any section of country which, in its natural state, could compare with this. Indeed, it is almost impossible for a stranger, looking off some commanding butte, to realize that the delightful prospect all around him is "in condition primeval." It would not seem difficult to persuade some Rip Van Winkle awakening suddenly among such surroundings that the buildings and fences had been mysteriously removed and that those beautiful bluffs in the distant landscape were the orchards and ornamental trees among which stately residences had once nestled, and that those smooth symmetrical slopes were the fruitful fields of a departed race of agricultural princes.—Extract from a letter of Rev. Leo. Guetz to the Calgary District Agricultural Society, Sept. 1884.

The Red Deer country is situated 100 miles north of Calgary and is attracting special attention on account of its fertility and natural advantages.

THE WEATHER.

The following tables are from the Government Meteorological Office, located in Calgary.

For the week ending Wednesday, Feb. 26th:

For the week ending March 4th:

Thermometer.			Mean Barometer,				
Lowest.		Highest.	Inches.				
Thursday.....	—10	10	30.1	Thursday....	23	50	29.6
Friday.....	3	34	29.9	Friday.....	26	50	30.0
Saturday.....	9	35	30.0	Saturday....	18	47	30.0
Sunday.....	5	39	30.2	Sunday.....	36	55	29.8
Monday.....	—1	37	29.9	Monday.....	30	48	29.9
Tuesday.....	13	45	29.7	Tuesday.....	11	40	30.0
Wednesday....	26	51	29.9	Wednesday..	16	51	30.0

Bow River Saw Mills.

This mill was imported into Calgary by the Cochrane Ranch Co., in the summer of 1882. It then consisted of a 20 horse power portable engine with saw rig complete, shingle Mill, planing and matching machine, lath mill, edging and bolting saw, a 24-inch burr stone chopping mill, and a large steam threshing machine. This machinery was purchased from the Waterous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, and was shipped by rail to Bismarck, D.T., and thence by Missouri River to Fort Benton; from thence it was freighted about 350 miles to Calgary by ox teams; being about three months in transit, and bringing up the total cost to about \$8,000, or about double the first cost of the machinery. The mill was first put up in the present town site of Calgary, near the Police Barracks, and logs were got out on the Elbow River at a cost of \$15 per M delivered at the mill. During the same year the Cochrane Ranch Co. were granted a timber limit in the Rocky Mountains, on Bow River; but as the Kananaskis Falls, which were supposed to be impassable for logs, would have to be run, and the Bow River a rapid mountain stream, would have to be boomed—which was thought impossible—no logs were got down from the limit the first year.

In the fall of 1883, Major Walker, who was up to that time manager for the Cochrane Ranch Co., purchased the mills and limit from the said company, and in the spring of 1883 moved the mills to its present site on Bow River, about one mile below the town of Calgary. The owner having decided to make the experiment of running logs over the falls and booming the Bow river, in the summer of 1883 a gleener, boom and dam was put in the river, and proved fairly successful in stopping the logs. The falls and rapids were also passed over without much difficulty. Profiting by this experiment, Major Walker got out upwards of 2,000,000 feet of logs for the cut of 1884, and improved his booms and storage facilities, and everything looked prosperous, until the unprecedented floods of last June and July came, which washed away railway track, railway and other bridges, booms, pins and dam, and a large quantity of logs, and logs not washed away were left high and dry, and had to be put back into the river again at a large expense. The Major's loss by the flood was between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Nothing daunted, as soon as the floods were over, a force of men and teams were put to work on the new boom and putting the logs back into the river, and before last winter set in about 1,000,000 feet was secured in the mill yards, and is now, and has been during the past winter, manufactured. This with about 800,000 feet of logs to be got down this spring will be manufactured, and will be offered for sale this coming summer.

Since the present owner has acquired the mills, he has never employed less than 15 men, and during the busy season as many as 70 men have been on the pay roll at one time. The wages paid run from \$30 per month to \$3 per day and board, making a roll of from \$40 to \$250 per day. This money has nearly all gone to settlers and others in the country. An industry of this kind is of great value in a new country to settlers who cannot afford to live the whole year on their homesteads.

A new gang edger, and other machinery, has been added to the mill this year, increasing its capacity to what is now about 1,000 feet per hour, and reducing the cost of manufacture. The lumber manufactured is Red Fir (some call it Douglass Pine), White Spruce and Cypress Pine. Samples of these were highly commended at the Forestry Exhibition in Edinburgh last season. Trees of White Spruce have been cut on Major Walker's limit one hundred feet long, and twelve inches in diameter at the top. The lumber is softer and clearer and much better quality than spruce grown east of the Rockies. Red Fir is not found east of the Rockies, it grows very large, but not so tall as the spruce. Trees have been cut four feet diameter at the stump. This timber is largely used for making frames for machinery, harrows, waggon and sleigh poles, and is equal to hardwood for flooring. Cypress Pine is a useful lumber for almost any purpose, has a beautiful grain resembling birdseye maple. The amount of lumber on the limits is variously estimated to be from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 feet.

In addition to the mill business Major Walker has been largely engaged in contracting and building.

Hot Springs.

Alberta's attractions are not only for the farmer, the stockgrower, and the prospector, but also for the tourist, the mineralogist, the scientist, and the seeker after health.

A large number of hot mineral springs have been recently discovered near the line of the C.P.R., at Banff, a station some eighty miles west of Calgary. These springs are considered equal, if not superior, to any of the springs at the fashionable health resorts in the United States in their healing properties, while at the same time the discoveries that await the researches of the scientist are at present problematical.

There is a veritable enchanted cave into which has never flashed a torch, or a sunbeam. There are galleries and aisles interminable, roofed, sided, and supported with mineral formations and crystallizations of fantastic shape and divine beauty. So much is known from the testimony of those who have only ventured into the entrance of this fascinating cavern. The springs vary in size as well as in the temperature of their waters. Some of them are so hot that bathing in them is intolerable; while in some, others the bather can enjoy the luxury of a pleasant warm bath at any season of the year. The waters are strongly charged with sulphur and other minerals, and to such an extent that the human body will float naturally on the surface, requiring no exertion on the part of the bather. Those who have bathed in these springs during the past winter testify to their healthful and beneficial effects. Surrounded, as the locality is, by scenery of unequalled grandeur, by the ever beautiful snow-capped summits, by the Cascade Falls, by the different species of flora which appear and disappear as higher and still higher the botanist clammers up the mountain's side, until the snow line is reached, it cannot fail to attract the tourist, the invalid, the scientist, and all lovers of the beautiful in increasing numbers as its attractions become known. The discovery opens up a rich field to the enterprising capitalist who will erect an hotel in the vicinity, and add the beauties of art and the luxuries of civilization to a spot so lavishly favored by nature.

It is but comparatively a few years since similar springs were discovered near Las Vegas, in New Mexico, and were then used by the Mexican women living in the vicinity as wash-tubs. Enterprising capitalists have since acquired the location. Mammoth hotels and splendid bath houses have been built, a railroad company have constructed a spur from their main line, and to-day the hot springs of Las Vegas are the most favored resort in western America. That the location can boast of more natural beauties, or that the healing properties of the spring are greater than those of Alberta is questionable. All that is required here is enterprise and capital to make the hot springs of Alberta a favorite holiday resort—Canada's "Garden of the Gods."

Petroleum

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Rich petroleum springs were discovered in the Red Deer country during the fall of last year, on the favorable report of experts sent from the oil region of Pennsylvania. The locations were purchased by a syndicate of Minneapolis capitalists who have formed and incorporated a company, styled The Winnipeg and North-West Petroleum Company with a capital of \$1,500,000.

The company have purchased oil mining machinery of the most approved and complete kind, which, together with a party of practical miners, is now enroute to Calgary. Other prospectors and syndicates have secured rich limits, which they are preparing to work, and from indications shown thus far lively times in the oil district may be expected this season.

The oil is pronounced to be of the finest description, and from its proximity to the mountains and the large coal fields, it is quite reasonable to expect that it exists in unlimited quantities.

Other Minerals

That Alberta possesses untold wealth in her immense mineral deposits is no longer a matter of speculation. For a number of years past gold in paying quantities has been found on the banks and bars of North Saskatchewan, and each year the discoveries made grow more important and valuable and the deposits of greater extent. Gold colors are found in almost every stream throughout Alberta, and as the country is more thoroughly prospected it is but reasonable to suppose that other rich deposits of the precious metal will be brought to light. Large veins of galena have also been discovered, which are pronounced by experts and experienced miners to contain a large percentage of silver, but as yet the necessary capital for their profitable developments is lacking.

Copper ore in enormous quantities has also been found, which is said to contain over 60 per cent of pure copper.

Iron ore has been found in small quantities in several localities, and a forty-foot seam of hematite iron has been discovered quite recently near Silvertown, which is reported to contain 67 per cent of iron, and preparations are being made for the immediate development of the mine.

It is impossible to estimate the quantity or value of the coal discovered. Immense seams of anthracite and bituminous coal of a superior quality have been opened up, fresh finds are being made each day, and that the future residents are insured an unlimited supply of cheap and good fuel is now an established certainty.

This fact will be reassuring to the thousands of immigrants who are already on their way and preparing to come to Alberta.

The field for enterprise and capital in Alberta is large. The great mineral industries are yet in their infancy. Immense fortunes are still hidden in the earth awaiting the hand of the prospective capitalist to be stretched forth to grasp them, and those who take advantage first of their privileges will first have their rewards.

Yellow
Red

Stock Interests.

Alberta stands to-day par excellence the cattle country of the American continent. In no other district or Territory have the same successes attended the industry. In 1881 the first of the many large ranches now in operation here was formed, and made their first drive of cattle from Montana. Since then the annual cattle drive has steadily increased, success and prosperity attending the enterprise of everyone embarking in the business. It is estimated that from 50,000 to 60,000 head of cattle are now owned by the different ranchmen and farmers in Alberta, which are valued at over two million dollars.

The cattle roam at large throughout the whole year, and require no further shelter or feeding than nature has provided the country with. The calf increase for last year was reported to be 75 per cent., and the losses were put down as under 1 per cent. This year the losses are estimated as under two per cent., and the cattle are now in splendid spring condition.

There are some 7,000 horses in Alberta, which are roughly valued at \$500,000. Horse raising is attracting much attention, and considerable capital has been invested in the industry during the past year. The country offers every inducement in climate and pasture. First-class horses of different breeds have been imported, and the foundations for a large and profitable business in this line are being laid.

Sheep Farming.

This most profitable industry may be said to take its start from the fall of last year, when some 12,000 animals reached the district, having been driven over from Montana, where they were purchased. The losses during the past winter are reported as under two per cent. and this has been looked upon as a test season on account of the unusual severity of the weather. However, the different flocks have come through in splendid condition, establishing beyond doubt the adaptability of Alberta as a sheep-raising country. To the sheep farmer the district offers the brightest of inducements.

Agriculture.

Although crops have been successfully grown in the district for the past 10 years no extensive farming operations were entered upon until the past few years. That the country possesses the essential climatic requirements and fertility of soil has been clearly demonstrated. Last season the crops grown in Alberta were superior to those of any other district or province in Canada, and exhibits collected by the Calgary Agricultural Society and exhibited in the C. P. R. exhibit car attracted universal admiration. Cereals, roots, as well as the most delicate of vegetables, yield prolific returns. Oats six feet in length, and yielding fifty bushels to the acre; wheat of the best of grades, yielding thirty bushels to the acre; barley, yielding over fifty five bushels per acre; potatoes, two hundred and twenty five bushels per acre—this is the record of the crop yield in Alberta during the past year which, added to its genial climate and other natural attractions, makes it the most desirable portion of the British Empire for the agriculturist and stock farmer.

Spring.

Spring work generally commences during the first week in March. This year seeding was started on Feb 27th, and farmers are now busily engaged putting in their oat and wheat crops March 10th 1885.

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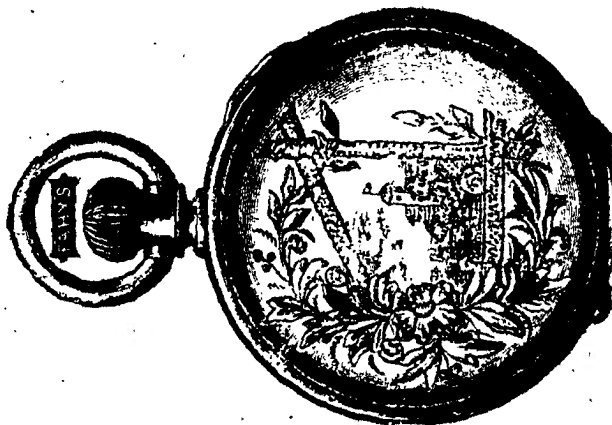
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